



Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program is the only method proven to be humane and effective at controlling outdoor cat population growth. Using this technique, all the cats in a colony are trapped, vaccinated, possibly treated for select injury or illness, neutered, ear-tipped for identification, and then returned to their territory. The goal of any community cat management program is to maximize the quality of life for the cats and to eliminate the existing colony over time through attrition. This program is only available to feral cats that are within Valencia County. This program is paid for by donations and grants. While there is no charge to Valencia County Residents, a donation is appreciated to help keep this program available to the community.

Carefully read and understand the following before you sign your name.

I agree to the following terms:

1. Traps may be borrowed from HART with a deposit of \$50 and the deposit will be returned when the traps are returned to HART.
2. I am responsible for trapping the cats, bringing them to a designated location in Valencia County for surgery, and returning the cats to the where they were trapped following the surgery.
3. Cat(s) will be spayed/neutered if they are healthy enough.
4. Cat(s) will be ear tipped, no exceptions.
5. Cat(s) will receive rabies vaccine and combination vaccine and treated for fleas and ticks if necessary.
6. I understand the cat(s) must remain in a live trap from the time they are trapped until they are returned due to temperament to have a safe surgery performed.
7. I understand that there is some risk of injury or death in the procedure with the use of anesthetics and drugs.
8. If the cat(s) is pregnant at the time of surgery, I understand that the pregnancy will be terminated, and the cat will be spayed unless the cat is too far along in her pregnancy to safely perform the surgery.
9. I agree that any cat(s) who is medically untreatable or in severe or chronic pain will be humanely euthanized at the veterinarian's discretion while the cat is under anesthesia.
10. I understand that if a bite occurs during the cat's stay, the public health Rabies protocol of the State of New Mexico will be followed.
11. I agree to pick the cat(s) up the day after surgery is performed and return the cat(s) to the trapping location for release unless arrangement have been made with HART to deliver the cat(s) to my property for release.
12. I understand that I cannot pick and choose which cat(s) will or will not be returned to the location where the cat(s) were trapped.
13. I understand that HART reserves the right to transfer the cat into their foster program If a cat is deemed suitable for adoption.
14. I understand that a cat that is nursing will be returned as soon as possible to the location where she was trapped without being spayed or vaccinated so that she can be reunited with her litter of kittens. This is for the safety and survivability of her litter of kittens.
15. I understand that all kittens must weigh 2 pounds for surgery. If the are under 2 pounds they will be returned without being spayed/neutered.

By initialing, I agree to the following terms:

_____ I give consent for HART staff and volunteers to perform trappings.

_____ I will notify my neighbors when trapping will take place and all adult cats will be returned to my property.

_____If a kitten is too young to be neutered; the kitten may be placed in HART's foster program if there is a foster available and the kitten is suitable for adoption; otherwise, the kitten will be returned to the trapping location.

_____If a cat is nursing, I understand that the cat will be returned to my property as soon as possible without being neutered or vaccinated. There are occasions when a nursing cat will be vaccinated and neutered prior to return.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge that feral cats are wild animals which can be unpredictable in their behavior and are capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. I willingly assume the risk and responsibility of participating in this program. I hereby release HART NM, Homeless Animal Rescue Team of New Mexico, all veterinarians, assistants, volunteers, directors, and employees from all claims arising out of or connected with the performance of this program and procedure or any adverse reactions to vaccinations. I agree that I have not and will not claim any right of compensation from them, or file action by reason of such sterilizations or attempted sterilization of such animal or any consequences related thereto. I understand that feral cats may escape the trap and I agree that I have not and will not claim any right to compensation in the event a feral cat escapes and cannot be re-trapped and returned to my property. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the HART NM, Homeless Animal Rescue Team of New Mexico harmless for any damage caused during the transportation of the animal, or for any damages caused by unforeseeable events including fire, vandalism, burglary, extreme weather, natural disasters or other acts of God. I acknowledge that I am the property owner or agent of the property owner where the cats are being trapped. I am responsible for the loss of or damage to any traps or equipment I borrow from HART NM. I understand that all equipment borrowed from HART NM will be returned within one week from picking up the equipment unless other arrangements have been made.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Traps borrowed: _____

Traps returned: _____

Date deposit made: _____ Deposit made \$ _____

Date deposit made: _____ Deposit returned \$ _____

Donation to TNR Fund \$ _____